

## CHAPTER 1

## THE RAAF UNIFORM

## INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of the RAAF uniform is to provide a distinct form of dress which identifies the wearer as a member of the RAAF and in which Air Force personnel may perform their various duties. The uniform should be worn with pride and dignity as it represents an organisation with a distinguished history of service to the Nation.
2. Because of the provisions of the Geneva Convention and other legal considerations, the uniform is only to be worn by members of the RAAF. Civilians are not to be issued with, or wear, any item of RAAF uniform, except where this is required for Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) purposes.
3. The provisions of this Manual apply to members of the Permanent Air Force (PAF), Air Force Reserve and where applicable, to retired and discharged personnel. Officers, instructors and cadets of the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) are also to observe the requirements of this Manual, except where variations are authorised in AAP 5110.001 - AAFC Manual of Management.

**General Principles Applicable to the RAAF Uniform**

4. The general principles applicable to the RAAF uniform, which have been endorsed by CAF, are:
  - a. changes to the uniform should be kept to a minimum and should only be made for significant reasons of comfort, safety, function or necessity;
  - b. the uniform should have a smart military appearance and clearly identify the wearer as a member of the RAAF;
  - c. the uniform should be functional and comfortable to wear;
  - d. the uniform should have an uncluttered appearance; and
  - e. the uniform should have a reasonable degree of commonality between gender, rank level and musterings/categories to foster the 'one team' philosophy.

**Responsibility for Policy Relating to RAAF Uniforms, Embellishments and Accoutrements**

5. CAF has delegated to DCOORD-AF the authority to approve changes to the RAAF order of dress, to introduce or withdraw uniforms, accoutrements and embellishments and to set out dress regulations.

**Authority of Commanders in Relation to Dress**

6. Commanders, including those from other Services, may prescribe a particular form of approved dress for wear on a specific occasion, eg ceremonial parades, exercises, or operational activities. However, they do not have the authority to waive or vary the provisions of this Manual, nor to lay down specific dress rules in an environment, where members would normally be able to choose from a range of uniform options. Commanders may restrict the wearing of certain orders of dress locally when such apparel would be clearly unsuitable for the climate or season, eg Tropical Dress worn during winter in the ACT.

## ORDERS OF DRESS

**RAAF Dress**

7. RAAF Dress is classified in the following manner:
  - a. **Service Dress - Dress No 1.** Service Dress (SD) is worn by all members of the RAAF on official occasions and may also be worn as working dress, when appropriate.

- b. **Ceremonial Dress - Dress No 2 Air Vice Marshal and above.** Ceremonial Dress (CD) is worn by members for ceremonial and other special occasions as required.
- a. **Ceremonial Dress - Dress No 3. Attache Dress/ADFA.** Ceremonial Dress (CD) is worn by members for ceremonial and other special occasions as required.
- d. **Ceremonial Dress - Dress No 4.** Ceremonial Dress (CD) is worn by parade participants and spectators in uniform at ceremonial parades, guards of honour and on other special occasions as required.
- e. **Mess Dress - Dress No 5.** Mess Dress (MD) is worn by officers, officer cadets, warrant officers, SNCOs and NCO Cadets for formal evening functions. SD uniform is worn by CPLs, LAC/LACWs, AC/ACWs and officer cadets (non-ADFA) for formal evening functions as approved by the OC/CO.
- f. **Tropical Dress - Dress No 6.** Tropical Dress (TD) is a uniform primarily for wear in tropical areas, but may be worn in other regions during the period proclaimed for the wearing of summer uniforms. COs may authorise the wearing of TD outside this period if unseasonably warm conditions are experienced.
- g. **Combined Working Dress - Dress No 7.** Combined Working Dress (CWD), Dress No 7, is the uniform normally worn by RAAF personnel when engaged in outdoor activities or when employed on duties of a physical or strenuous nature. It may be worn in lieu of SD Uniforms in the working environment and when travelling to and from the place of duty.
- h. **Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform - Dress No 8.** Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU) is an Army pattern field uniform worn by members of the Airfield Defence Guard mustering, SECPOL (when performing dog handling duties) and also by other RAAF personnel when engaged in certain activities (refer Chapter 2 paragraphs 33 to 35).
- i. **Uniforms for Designated Employment.** Special uniforms have been developed for wear by members engaged in designated employment. The special uniforms are not to be worn when travelling to and from work or in public (with the exception of Dress Nos 10, 11,12, 13 and 15) unless ordered for a specific occasion, or unless approved by OC/CO because of special operational circumstances. The special uniforms are:
  - (1) **Tarmac Dress - Dress No 9.** Tarmac Dress is worn primarily by members of the technical trades and supply musterings employed in flight line and warehouse duties. Tarmac Dress is only to be worn in the confines of the Base.
  - (2) **Firefighters Dress - Dress No 10.** Firefighters Dress is a CWD pattern uniform made from specially treated fire resistant cloth.
  - (3) **Health Services Dress - Dress No 11.** Health Services dress is worn by a member employed on health service duties.
  - (4) **Physical Training Instructors Dress - Dress No 12.** Physical Training Instructors (PTI) Dress is worn by members of the PTI mustering.
  - (5) **Catering Services Dress - Dress No 13.** Catering Services Dress is worn by members of the Cooks mustering when involved with the preparation of food.
  - (6) **Stewards Dress - Dress No 14.** Stewards Dress is worn by members of the Steward mustering
  - (7) **Flying Dress - Dress No 15.** Flying Dress is worn by personnel engaged in flying duties.
  - (8) **Protective Clothing.** Protective clothing such as overalls and dustcoats may be worn by personnel performing dirty or hazardous tasks. Such attire is only to be worn within the confines of a base.

**All Seasons' Service Dress Concept**

8. The basic uniform of the RAAF is Service Dress (SD) uniform. This consists of various basic items and of a number of optional items. Unless personnel are required to wear a specific order of SD uniform, for a particular occasion, they may choose which combination of SD uniform they wish to wear, provided it is authorised in this Manual. At the same time, members are expected to show common sense in their choice of optional items in relation to climate and the work environment. The concept of an 'all seasons' uniform is to allow flexibility and choice and to do away with the rigidity associated with seasonal changeover dates.

**PROVISION AND REPLACEMENT OF UNIFORM****Basic Uniform Items**

9. On appointment, enlistment or following the completion of training, all members of the PAF and RAAF Reserve receive an initial issue of basic RAAF uniform items and accessories in accordance with DI (AF) AAP 3131.001- RAAF Clothing Scales. These items are to be maintained in good order and replaced when necessary, throughout a member's period of service with the RAAF. PAF personnel receive Uniform Maintenance Allowance (UMA) to make such replacements, while RAAF Reserve members are entitled to free exchanges after qualifying periods. In some cases, uniforms are laundered or dry cleaned at public expense, but regardless of whether this entitlement applies, all RAAF personnel are expected at all times to wear uniforms which are clean, neat and in good order.

10. Commanders may order a particular order of dress, consisting of these basic items, as the required uniform for parades, ceremonial events and other appropriate occasions.

**Optional Items of Uniform**

11. Some items of uniform are not issued at public expense but may be purchased by members, at their own expense, for wear as optional items. Commanders **may not** order personnel to purchase or wear such items.

**WEARING OF RAAF UNIFORM****Introduction**

12. RAAF uniform is to be worn by members of the Permanent Air Force, Air Force Reserve and former members in accordance with the provisions of this Manual. Members of the Australian Air Force Cadets are to conform to the requirements of this Manual, except where otherwise directed by the AAFC Manual of Management DI (AF) AAP 5110.001.

**Patterns**

13. A member is only to wear those patterns of uniforms, accoutrements and embellishments approved by Air Force Headquarters (DCOORD-AF) and which are supplied through RAAF or ADF clothing stores, or through authorized contractors. Sealed samples of all RAAF uniform items, accoutrements and embellishments are held by Soldier Support System Program Office (SS SPO), Victoria Barracks, Melbourne. Where special measure items are required, they are to conform as closely as possible to the approved pattern. All special SD shoes or boots, supplied for medical reasons, are to be manufactured in plain leather in order to provide the wearer with items which are suitable for both work and ceremonial wear.

**Exemptions from Dress Regulations on Religious Grounds**

14. Members or prospective members of the RAAF or AAFC may apply through normal channels to DCOORD-AF for exemption from particular dress regulations, where genuine religious grounds exist. In each case, the application should state the regulation involved, the reason for being unable to comply and how the exemption would affect the member's uniform and/or appearance. If applicable, any proposed alternative item of clothing should be listed. Applications should include comments from the Commanding Officer, Chaplain or Recruiting Officer in relation to the request. Where approval has been given to wear a non-standard item of uniform, JMA is to decide on the method of procurement. Exemptions will not be granted where standards of operational effectiveness, safety or hygiene may be compromised.

### **Wearing of Insignia, Embellishments and Accoutrements with Uniform**

15. Detailed instructions for the wearing of insignia, embellishments and accoutrements are contained in Chapters 3, 4 and 5.

### **Occasions for Wear**

16. To allow maximum benefit to be obtained from the uniform, a member may exercise discretion in wearing approved combinations of dress to suit the prevailing weather conditions within the following guidelines:

- a. **On Duty.** Approved combinations of Dress No 1, Dress No 6 and Dress No 7 are approved for wear on duty unless uniforms for designated employment, special working dress or protective clothing are required, or a particular order of dress is ordered for a special occasion. Members are expected to exercise common sense in the wearing of optional items of dress.
- b. **In Public.** All approved combinations of Dress No 1 to No 6, Nos 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15 (when appropriate) may be worn in public.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS COMMANDING AND COMMANDING OFFICERS**

### **Authorised Dress and Grooming**

17. OCs and COs are to ensure that members under command wear only authorised patterns of uniform and accessories. OCs and COs are also to promulgate dress rules and grooming instructions for Service messes, clubs and institutions within their area of responsibility. When setting and enforcing mess dress rules, commanders are to be mindful of CAF's directive that attire be neat, conservative and appropriate to both the mess environment and the occasion.

### **Protective Clothing**

18. Protective clothing, as listed in DI(AF) AAP 3131.001, may be prescribed as 'Special Purpose Working Dress' where necessary. A CO is to ensure that this clothing is worn only when its use is necessary for a particular working environment and for the duration of that particular task.

### **Maintenance of Uniform**

19. Commanders are to ensure that their personnel possess uniforms that are clean, in good order, well fitting and of the correct pattern. Uniforms are to be inspected regularly to ensure that high standards of dress are maintained.

### **Prescribed Dress**

20. When the three Services parade or assemble together and uniformity is required, the seasonal change dates at Annex C are to apply. OCs or COs are to promulgate an order of dress in accordance with this chapter. The OC, CO or delegate is also to prescribe the order of dress for a parade or other special occasion. Guidance regarding the forms of dress for special occasions is specified at Annex B.

### **Uniformity in Same Locality**

21. Where several independent units or detachments are situated in the same locality, the commanders are to consult with other commanders or commanding officers to standardise Standing Instructions relating to particular dress requirements. The OC or CO is to promulgate these dress requirements in Standing Instructions (refer Annex B).

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**

22. Individuals are responsible for wearing their uniforms in accordance with the requirements of this Manual, on all occasions, both on and off RAAF units. Unauthorised orders of dress or combinations of RAAF uniforms are not permitted. Responsibility for ensuring that uniforms are in good repair, clean and well fitting is vested in the first instance with the member.

**WEARING OF RAAF UNIFORM ON SPECIFIC OCCASIONS****On Duty**

23. A member is to wear RAAF uniform when on duty, unless otherwise authorised by a relevant authority. A member of the RAAF Reserve is not permitted to wear uniform unless on official duty or authorised by a relevant authority. A member is to wear Dress No 1, or Dress No 6 in tropical areas, when reporting on the first day of posting or attachment.

**In Public**

24. Subject to the provisions in this Manual, members may wear all versions of Dress No 1 and Dress No 6 (when appropriate) in public. Dress No 5 is not for general wear in public places but may be worn at appropriate venues, on formal occasions. Two Star Officers and above are to wear headdress (SD Cap) if attending official functions requiring Mess Dress, if that function is away from their own mess, ie off base.

**Wearing of Working Dress Uniforms in Public**

25. The following forms of working dress may be worn in public when travelling to and from duty or when conducting short periods of private business in the local area:

- a. Dress No 7\* – CWD;
- b. Dress No 8\* – DPCU;
- c. Dress No 10\* – Firefighter;
- d. Dress No 11\* – Health Services;
- e. Dress No 12\* – Physical Training Instructor;
- f. Dress No 13\* – Catering Services; and
- g. Dress No 15\* – Flying Dress.

\*Appendices to Annex A to Chapter 1.

**Restrictions and Conditions**

26. Restrictions, which apply to specific items of working dress being worn off base, are detailed in the relevant appendix to Annex A. General conditions relating to the wearing of any form of working dress in public are:

- a. The uniform concerned must be in a clean and well turned-out state.
- b. Only the approved version of each order of dress, as detailed in this Manual, may be worn.
- c. This concession applies to travel in private or Service vehicles only. It does not extend to travel by public transport, commercial airlines etc, unless members have been formally directed to travel in a particular form of working dress by commanders of operations or deployments.
- d. Personnel, when travelling between home and their place of duty, may make brief stops to conduct private business, make small purchases etc. However, such stops should be short and not involve extensive periods in public areas. For guidance, brief visits to service stations, convenience stores and similar establishments are considered acceptable. The wearing of working dress for extended periods in shopping complexes and similar areas is not deemed appropriate.

**Detachments or Visits**

27. A member proceeding on detachment or a visit is to take a sufficient quantity and range of Service and civilian clothing to meet the requirements of the unit, geographic area or duty concerned.

**Dress on RAAF Aircraft**

28. The dress requirements for service personnel travelling as passengers on RAAF aircraft are as follows :

a. *Internal Flights.*

- (1) The normal dress for travel on internal flights is service uniform.
- (2) On aircraft operating in the transport role, other than B707 and VIP aircraft, all versions of Dress No 1, Dress No 6 (when appropriate), Dress No 7, Dress No 8 and Dress No 15 are approved for wear. Flying suits or working dress, with appropriate rank insignia and Service headdress, may be worn as an outer garment.
- (3) On B707 or VIP aircraft, only Dress No 1 or Dress No 6 (when appropriate) is the accepted standard to be worn. DPCU and CWD (or equivalent) may be worn when authorised by SOPSO 84WG, but must be clean and tidy. The web belt when worn with DPCU is to be removed prior to embarkation on B707 aircraft. Dress specific to trade, such as catering services dress and PTI dress are unacceptable.

b. *International Flights.* Dress for all service personnel travelling on duty overseas on RAAF aircraft is Dress No 1, or service equivalent. Any variation to this standard is to be requested in writing to MOVPOL.

c. *Special or Operational Flights.* Air Force Headquarters, Air Commander Australia, a Commander or an OC/CO may issue special instructions for particular operational flights. A member travelling as a passenger in a RAAF aircraft operating in an operational role may be required to wear a flying suit or a specific order of dress at the discretion of the CO of the unit operating the aircraft.

**Service with Navy, Army and ADF Units**

29. RAAF personnel serving with Navy, Army or ADF units are to wear the RAAF uniform corresponding to that worn by the host Service and are to observe local dress customs. While Navy and Army commanders have the same authority as their RAAF counterparts to regulate the wearing of Service uniform by Air Force personnel under command, they do not have the authority to vary the orders of dress contained in this Manual, nor may they restrict the legitimate wearing of optional items of SD or other uniform options. Navy and Army commanders should be advised that DPCU is only worn by RAAF personnel in an operational environment and that CWD is the standard working dress for all other occasions.

**Visits to Other Countries**

30. Except when on duty, RAAF personnel are not to wear their uniform in other countries, except with the written permission of DCOORD-AF.

**Fancy Dress Functions and Similar Events**

31. A member is not to wear any form of RAAF uniform at fancy dress functions, street parades or similar events.

**Service or Other Weddings**

32. A member may wear RAAF uniform, Dress No 4 or Dress No 5, as appropriate, at a Service or other wedding with OC/CO's approval. Chapter 3 provides further details on the wearing of swords (if entitled).

**Political or Religious Gatherings and Street Appeals**

33. A member may wear uniform for private worship or to attend officially sanctioned religious services. A member is not to wear uniform when attending a meeting, gathering, procession or demonstration held for a political, religious or any socially contentious purpose unless representing the RAAF in an official capacity. This includes handing out literature at polling booths. A member in uniform is not to participate in street appeals or similar activities, except with CO's approval.

**Civil Courts**

34. The wearing of uniform at a civil court depends on whether the member attends in an official or private capacity. A CO is to decide whether it is appropriate to wear uniform depending on local conditions. Guidelines are that uniform:

- a. should be worn by a witness attending in an official capacity or by an escort;
- b. may be worn by a member accompanying another member at the CO's direction; and
- c. should not be worn by a plaintiff, defendant or respondent.

**Members of Other Services**

35. A member of another Service on duty with the RAAF is to wear the equivalent uniform to that prescribed for Air Force personnel, unless another order of dress is authorised by the relevant commander/director.

**Former Members of the RAAF**

36. All ex-members who were not discharged under adverse terms may wear Dress No 1, Dress No 4 or, if entitled, and where appropriate, Dress No 5, under the following circumstances:

- a. when invited to attend an official Service-related function or ceremony at which the wearing of uniform by a former member is appropriate,
- b. when attending a Service funeral or a private funeral where the wearing of uniform is appropriate, and
- c. when attending Anzac Day, Remembrance Day or similar memorial ceremonies.

37. Former members who might wish to wear RAAF uniform in circumstances other than those identified above should apply for permission to do so to DCOORD-AF.

38. The wearing of uniform by ex-officers, when invited to review a parade or participate in a ceremonial event as a guest of honour, is not necessary. Such persons may wear suitable civilian dress in lieu. Retired officers are not to wear aiguillettes as part of their uniform. If the wearing of a sword is required, and one is not held by the member concerned, the host officer for the parade or event is to arrange for temporary issue of the item from the nearest RAAF source. Ceremonial sashes will not be normally worn by retired officers; however, if because of special circumstances, CAF approves the wearing of Ceremonial Dress by a retired AVM or above, the sash is to be provided, on loan, by the host officer.

39. The wearing of uniform at Service funerals is not a requirement for retired officers, warrant officers and former SNCOs and airmen/airwomen.

40. Former members are to ensure that uniforms worn in retirement are of a good fit and well maintained. Additionally, on the occasions when uniform is worn, grooming standards should be commensurate with those applicable to Permanent Air Force personnel.

41. Although RAAF Clothing Scales allow the retention of certain types of uniform on discharge, this in itself is not an authority for ex-members to wear those items in retirement.

42. Former members who are entitled to wear uniform in retirement or after discharge may purchase items of Dress No 1 and Dress No 5 (if entitled) from RAAF clothing stores.

**FUNERALS****Dress for Funerals**

43. A member attending a State funeral, or a Service funeral in an official or representative capacity, should normally wear Dress 4A. Serving and retired RAAF personnel attending as mourners are to wear the same form of dress, although retired members of all ranks may wear civilian attire on which orders, decorations and medals may be worn. Miniatures of these orders, decorations and medals may be worn on civilian clothing if preferred.



Notwithstanding these provisions, the commander responsible for arranging a Service funeral may direct that Dress 4B or Dress 4C be worn in lieu of Dress 4A, if warm or hot weather is expected.

44. These guidelines also apply to personnel attending non-Service funerals in a private capacity, ie Dress 4A is the normal form of dress but Dress 4B or Dress 4C may be worn in warm or hot weather conditions.

### **Mourning Bands**

45. A mourning band is to be worn by a member in uniform when Service mourning is ordered and on occasions listed in this Manual. The band, 8cm wide of black material, is to be worn on the sleeve, half way between the left elbow and the left shoulder. A mourning band is to be worn by an officer attending a State or Service funeral in an official capacity. **An officer, warrant officer, officer cadet or airman is to wear a mourning band when detailed for duty in a State or Service funeral party; the wearing of a mourning band by members of the attending party (congregation) is optional.** A mourning band is not to be worn during Anzac Day or Remembrance Day ceremonies.

### **Private Mourning**

46. A member may wear a mourning band to observe private mourning when wearing RAAF uniform for a period of up to seven days after the date of bereavement, unless an occasion arises which requires strict uniformity of dress (eg ceremonial parade).

### **Seasonal Change**

47. To suit prevailing climatic conditions, a member may normally wear any pattern of Dress No 1, including optional items, or Dress No 6, subject to dress instructions set out by commanders. However, on joint-Service ceremonial occasions when the RAAF is parading with other Services, the seasonal changeover dates, contained at Annex C, are to be taken into account when the order of dress for RAAF personnel is determined for such events. As a guide, Dress 4A would normally be worn during the period when other Services wear winter uniform, while Dress 4B or Dress 4C would be worn in summer months, depending on the temperatures expected.

### **Areas of Service**

Definitions of areas of service for the issue of special overseas and tropical clothing are:

48. Australian non-tropical areas are south of the Tropic of Capricorn.
- a. Australian tropical areas are north of the Tropic of Capricorn within Australia and its territories. Woomera and Alice Springs are also to be regarded as Australian tropical areas.
  - b. Overseas non-tropical areas are those outside Australia and its territories and not within the zone between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.
  - c. Overseas tropical areas are those outside Australia and its territories and between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. As required, Air Force Headquarters (DCOORD-AF) may vary this accordingly, to reflect local climatic conditions.
49. Dress No 6 is normally issued to a member on posting or attachment to a tropical area.

## **WEARING OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING**

### **When on Duty**

50. Commanders/directors may allow members to wear civilian attire on duty when the occasion is appropriate or to cater for individuals' specific requirements. Approval may be granted for such dress providing clear guidelines are issued. When worn on duty, civilian attire is to be neat, clean and of a standard commensurate with the wearer's status as a member of the RAAF. Equally, grooming standards are to be maintained in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 2.



**Pregnancy**

**51.** During pregnancy, members are to wear Service maternity dress when they can no longer comfortably fit into normal uniform. However, if the nature of their duties requires a special type of clothing not available in the maternity uniform range, then pregnant females are permitted to wear civilian maternity attire within the workplace, in accordance with paragraph 50.

**WEARER TRIALS**

**52.** All wearer trials of any form of new clothing or accoutrements are to be authorised by DCOORD-AF. Approved trials will be co-ordinated and administered by OIC Air Force Clothing Entitlements (AFCE). Personnel are permitted to wear trial items only during the stipulated period and under such conditions as specified by OIC AFCE. Items issued to personnel on wearer trials may be retained by the member on completion of the trial, regardless of the trial's outcome.

**Annexes:**

- A. RAAF Orders of Dress
- B. Guidelines for the Promulgation of Standing Orders Relating to the Wearing of RAAF Uniforms
- C. Seasonal Change-Over Dates

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**RAAF ORDERS OF DRESS**

1. Approved RAAF orders of dress for all ranks, including special uniforms for members engaged in designated employment, are detailed at Appendices 1 to 15.

**Appendices:**

- 1 Service Dress – Air Force Blue
- 2 Ceremonial Dress – Air Force Blue, Air Commodore and Below
- 3 Mess Dress
- 4 Tropical Dress
- 5 Combined Working Dress No 7
- 6 Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform (DPCU) No 8
- 7 Tarmac Dress No 9 - Male and Females - Flight Sergeant and Below
- 8 Firefighters Dress No 10 - All Ranks
- 9 Medical - Health Services Dress No 11
- 10 Physical Training Instructors Dress No 12 - All Ranks
- 11 Catering Services Dress No 13 - All Ranks
- 12 Crew Attendant Dress No 14
- 13 Flying Dress No 15 - All Ranks
- 14 Concert Dress - Musician
- 15 Attache Dress and ADFA Ceremonial Dress
- 16 Ceremonial Dress - Air Force Blue - Air Vice-Marshal and Above

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## **SERVICE DRESS – AIR FORCE BLUE**

### **COOL WEATHER 1A - MALES**

#### **OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform  
Unit parade  
Mess Dress alternate  
Religious service (except for memorial services  
when ceremonial dress is worn)  
Formal Occasions  
Representational Functions

#### **ITEMS OF DRESS**

Uniform, men's, SD, Air Force blue  
(comprising tunic and matching trousers)  
Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Tie, SD Air Force blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD dress, black, (2)  
Name badge, official

#### **TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, gold bullion  
Aiguillette (1)  
Ribbons of orders and decorations  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

#### **NOTES**

1. Refer. to Chapter 3
2. Shoes SD , Patent Leather, black



**WARM WEATHER 1B - MALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform  
Unit parade  
Mess dress - alternative  
Weddings  
Religious service (except for memorial services  
when ceremonial dress is worn)  
Investiture (as a recipient only in tropical areas)  
Formal Occasions  
Representational Functions

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Tie, SD Air Force blue  
Trousers, men's, SD, Air Force blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD dress, black, (2)  
Name badge, official

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Aiguillette (1)  
Ribbons of orders and decorations  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black



**HOT WEATHER 1C - MALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform  
Unit parade  
Weddings  
Religious service (except for memorial services  
when ceremonial dress is worn)  
Formal Occasions  
Representational Functions

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, short sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Trousers, men's, SD, Air Force blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD dress, black, (2)  
Name badge, official

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Aiguillette (1)  
Ribbons of orders and decorations  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black





**MALES - OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

These items of clothing and accoutrements may be worn or carried with the SD uniform when it is worn as a *working dress uniform only*.

**OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap garrison  
Hat fur felt, Khaki  
Jacket utility  
Sweater (heavy or light weight)  
Overcoat (heavy or light weight)  
Raincoat  
Cuff links of plain or suitable military design  
Gloves, knitted, black (1)  
Umbrella

**NOTES**

1. All Ranks.

**COOL WEATHER 1A - FEMALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform  
Unit parade  
Mess dress - alternative  
Weddings  
Religious service (except for memorial services  
when ceremonial dress is worn)  
Investiture (as a recipient only)  
Formal Occasions  
Representational Functions

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Uniform, women's SD, Air Force blue  
(comprising tunic and matching trousers)  
Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Shirt, women's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with blue - grey 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Tie, SD Air Force blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes,SD black, (2)  
Knee high stockings, Kolotex "nearly black" may be worn  
Name badge, official

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, gold bullion  
Aiguillette (1)  
Ribbons of orders and decorations  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black.
3. Additional optional items of dress are located at the rear of this appendix



**WARM WEATHER 1B - FEMALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform  
Unit parade  
Mess dress - alternative  
Weddings  
Religious service (except for memorial services  
when ceremonial dress is worn)  
Investiture (as a recipient only)  
Formal Occasions  
Representational Functions

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Shirt, women's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Tie, women's, Air Force blue  
Trousers, SD, Air Force blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Knee high stockings, Kolotex "nearly black" may be worn  
Shoes, SD dress, black, (2)  
Name badge, official

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Aiguillette (1)  
Ribbons of orders and decorations  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to chapter 3.
2. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black.
3. Additional optional items of dress are located at the rear of this appendix.



**HOT WEATHER 1C - FEMALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform  
Unit parade  
Weddings  
Religious service (except for memorial services  
when ceremonial dress is worn)  
Formal Occasions  
Representational Functions

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Shirt, women's, blue/white, short sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Trousers, SD, Air Force blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Knee high stockings, Kolotex "nearly black" may be worn  
Shoes, SD dress, black, (2)  
Name badge, official

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Aiguillette (1)  
Ribbons of orders and decorations  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to chapter 3.
2. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black.
3. Additional optional items of dress are located at the rear of this appendix.



**FEMALES - OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

These items of clothing and accoutrements may be worn or carried with the SD uniform, when it is worn as a *working dress uniform only*.

**OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap garrison  
Hat, SD, womens Air Force blue  
Hat fur felt, Khaki  
Jacket utility  
Cardigan  
Sweater (heavy or light weight)  
Overcoat (heavy or light weight)  
Skirt, women's SD, Air Force blue (2)  
Handbag (1)  
Gloves, knitted, black  
Dress, maternity, blue/white  
Skirt, women's, SD, Air Force blue  
Stockings / pantihose, Kolotex 'nearly black'  
Shoes, women's, court, black  
Tie, women's (not for ceremonial wear)  
Raincoat  
Umbrella

**NOTES**

1. Not worn or carried on parade.
2. Skirts must be worn with nearly black pantihose

**General Guidance on the wearing of Female Dress with stockings, pantihose and socks.**

Trousers with court shoes and knee high stockings in "nearly black" (at work including non-ceremonial occasions)  
Trousers with Service Dress shoes and knee high stockings "nearly black" (at work including non-ceremonial occasions)  
Trousers with Service Dress shoes and black socks (at work or for ceremonial occasions)

**Non-Tropical areas**

Skirts to be worn with stockings or pantyhose in 'nearly black' with court shoes or Service Dress shoes. No other options.  
Skirts can also be worn with the Service Dress IA or Utility jacket

**Tropical Areas only (Darwin, Tindal, Townsville)**

Skirts may be worn with stockings or pantyhose in 'nearly black' with court shoes or Service Dress shoes.  
Dress Blue/White or Dress White is worn with stockings or pantyhose in "mini beige" with court shoes or Service Dress Shoes.  
Skirts/Dress Blue/White or Dress White may be worn without stockings or pantyhose with court shoes only  
Dress Blue/White or Dress White may be worn with white socks with Service Dress shoes

**CEREMONIAL DRESS – AIR FORCE BLUE  
- AIR COMMODORE AND BELOW**

**COOL WEATHER 4A - MALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer,  
host officer or official guest  
Ceremonial parade - participant or spectator  
Guard of honour - participant  
State or Service funeral  
Investiture (as a guest)  
Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and memorial services

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Uniform, men's, SD, Air Force Blue  
(comprising tunic and matching trousers)  
Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Tie, SD, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (5)  
Name Badge (4)  
Gloves white (3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, gold bullion  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
(medals are to be worn )  
Aiguillette (1)  
Sword, air officer (AIRCDRE only) (2)  
Sword, officer (2)  
Sash, shoulder, blue, ceremonial (3)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge



**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. A sword is worn when attending as a reviewing officer, host officer or parade participant, by officers and warrant officers, if the parade as a whole is also armed. A sword may be worn on ceremonial occasions when attending as the official Service Representative. The sword is not worn by the official Service representative on memorial occasions.
3. Worn on ceremonial parades and guards of honour by colour WOFF and all Colour Escorts only.
4. When ordered.
5. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black.



**WARM WEATHER 4B - MALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer,  
host officer or official guest  
Ceremonial parade – participant or spectator  
Guard of honour - participant  
State or Service funeral  
Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and memorial services

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Tie, SD, Air Force Blue  
Trousers, men's, SD, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (5)  
Name badge (4)  
Gloves White(3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
(medals are to be worn )  
Aiguillette (1)  
Sword, air officer (AIRCDRE only) (2)  
Sword, officer (2)  
Sash, shoulder, blue, ceremonial (3)  
Skill at arms badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. A sword is worn when attending as a reviewing officer, host officer or parade participant, by officers and warrant officers, if the parade as a whole is also armed. A sword may be worn on ceremonial occasions when attending as the official Service Representative. The sword is not worn by the official Service representative on memorial occasions.
3. Worn on ceremonial parades and guards of honour by Colour WOFF and Colour Escorts only.
4. When ordered.
5. Shoes SD, Patent Leather Black.



**HOT WEATHER 4C - MALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer,  
host officer or official guest  
Ceremonial parade – participant or spectator  
Guard of honour - participant  
State or Service funeral  
Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and memorial services

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, short sleeve  
(with Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Trousers, men's, SD, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (5)  
Name badge (4)  
Gloves White(3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
(medals are to be worn )  
Aiguillette (1)  
Sword, air officer (AIRCDRE only) (2)  
Sword, officer (2)  
Sash, shoulder, blue, ceremonial (3)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. A sword is worn when attending as a reviewing officer, host officer or parade participant, by officers and warrant officers, if the parade as a whole is also armed. A sword may be worn on ceremonial occasions when attending as the official Service Representative. The sword is not worn by the official Service representative on memorial occasions.
3. Worn on ceremonial parades and guards of honour by Colour WOFF and Colour Escorts only.
4. When ordered.
5. Shoes SD, Patent Leather Black.



**COOL WEATHER 4A - FEMALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer,  
host officer or official guest  
Ceremonial parade - participant  
Guard of honour - participant  
State or Service funeral  
Investiture (as a guest)  
Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and memorial services

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Uniform, women's, SD, Air Force Blue  
(comprising tunic and matching slacks )  
Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Shirt, women's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Tie, SD, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (5)  
Name badge (4)  
Gloves White(3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, gold bullion  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
(medals are to be worn )  
Aiguillette (1)  
Sword, air officer (AIRCDRE only) (2)  
Sword, officer (2)  
Sash, shoulder, blue, ceremonial (3)  
Skill at arms badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. A sword is worn when attending as a reviewing officer, host officer or parade participant, by officers and warrant officers, if the parade as a whole is also armed. A sword may be worn on ceremonial occasions when attending as the official Service Representative. The sword is not worn by the official Service representative on memorial occasions.
3. Worn on ceremonial parades and guards of honour by Colour WOFF and Colour Escorts only.
4. When ordered
5. Shoes SD Patent Leather, Black.



**WARM WEATHER 4B - FEMALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer,  
host officer or official guest  
Ceremonial parade - participant  
Guard of honour - participant  
State or Service funeral  
Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and memorial services

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Shirt, women's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Tie, SD, Air Force Blue  
Slacks, women's, SD, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (5)  
Name badge (4)  
Gloves White(3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
(medals are to be worn )  
Aiguillette (1)  
Sword, air officer (AIRCDRE only) (2)  
Sword, officer (2)  
Sash, shoulder, blue, ceremonial (3)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. A sword is worn when attending as a reviewing officer, host officer or parade participant, by officers and warrant officers, if the parade as a whole is also armed. A sword may be worn on ceremonial occasions when attending as the official Service Representative. The sword is not worn by the official Service representative on memorial occasions.
3. Worn on ceremonial parades and guards of honour by Colour WOFF and Colour Escorts only.
4. When ordered
5. Shoes SD Patent Leather, Black.



**HOT WEATHER 4C - FEMALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer,  
host officer or official guest  
Ceremonial parade - participant  
Guard of honour - participant  
State or Service funeral  
Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and memorial services

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Shirt, women's, blue/white, short sleeve  
(with Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides )  
Slacks, women's, SD, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (5)  
Name badge (4)  
Gloves White(3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
(medals are to be worn )  
Aiguillette (1)  
Sword, air officer (AIRCDRE only) (2)  
Sword, officer (2)  
Sash, shoulder, blue, ceremonial (3)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Military Skills Instructor Badge



**NOTES**

1. Refer to Chapter 3.
2. A sword is worn when attending as a reviewing officer, host officer or parade participant, by officers and warrant officers, if the parade as a whole is also armed. A sword may be worn on ceremonial occasions when attending as the official Service Representative. The sword is not worn by the official Service representative on memorial occasions.
3. Worn on ceremonial parades and guards of honour by Colour WOFF and Colour Escorts only.
4. When ordered
5. Shoes SD Patent Leather, Black.

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## MESS DRESS

### WARM WEATHER 5A AND COOL WEATHER 5B - MALE OFFICERS

#### OCCASION FOR WEAR

Service dining-in nights.

Service balls.

Formal mess functions when directed by the PMC.

Formal civilian dinners, balls and similar functions where mess dress, or equivalent, is the designated form of dress.

Weddings (if appropriate and with OC/CO's approval)

#### ITEMS OF DRESS (1)

Jacket, men's, MD, dark blue (cool weather 5B)

Jacket, 'men's White (warm weather 5A) (1)

Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue  
(with gold lace rank braid)

Shirt, men's, evening, white, marcella, long sleeve (2)

Bow tie, black

Cummerbund, men's, dark blue

Trousers, men's, MD, dark blue

Trousers, SD. Air Force Blue

Socks, black

Shoes, SD, black or Patent Leather

Belt, Trousers, dark blue

Buckle, Belt, silver

#### TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED

Flying badge, miniature, gold bullion

Miniatures of orders, decorations and medals

Aiguillette (3)

Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve) (Miniature Gold Bullion)

Parachutist Badge (right sleeve) (Miniature Gold Bullion)

Commendation Badges – Miniature

Citations - Miniature



#### NOTES

1. Members who do not have Mess Dress are to wear Dress 1A. For guidance on periods during which Dress 5A and Dress 5B may be worn refer to Chapter 1 Annex C.
2. Marcella front, with turn-down collar, and plain gold or gold coloured cuff links and studs.
3. Refer to Chapter 3.
4. Officers of two star rank and higher, and their Aides – de Damp, where appropriate, may wear the Cap SD, Air Force blue with Dress 5A and Dress 5B where there are ceremonial activities associated with the normal function being attended.



**TROPICAL 5D - MALE OFFICERS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

MD tropical also known as 'Red Sea Rig' is primarily for wear in tropical areas. Commanders may authorise the wearing of Dress 5D in other areas during hot weather for wear at dining-in nights and balls.

**ITEMS OF DRESS (1)**

Shirt, men's, white, short sleeve with pearl buttons  
Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue  
(with gold lace rank braid)  
Cummerbund, men's, dark blue  
Trousers, men's, MD, dark blue  
Trousers, SD. Air Force Blue  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black or Patent Leather  
Belt, Trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, Belt, Silver

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals  
Aiguillette (2)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Commendation Badge  
Citations  
MSI Badge

**NOTES**

1. Members who do not have Mess Dress (tropical) may wear Dress 5A or Dress 1C.
2. Refer to Chapter 3.



**COOL WEATHER 5A AND WARM WEATHER 5B - FEMALE OFFICERS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Service dining-in nights.  
Service balls.  
Formal mess functions when directed by the PMC.  
Formal civilian dinners, balls and similar functions where mess dress, or equivalent, is the designated form of dress.  
Weddings (if appropriate).

**ITEMS OF DRESS (1)(2)**

Jacket, women's, MD, dark blue (cool weather 5B)  
Jacket, women's, MD, white (warm weather 5A) (1)  
Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue  
(with gold lace rank braid)  
Shirt, women's, evening, white, Marcella, long sleeve (2)  
Bow tie, black  
Skirt, women's MD, dark blue  
Trousers, women's, MD, dark blue (5)  
Trousers, womens, SD, Air Force Blue  
Cummerbund, women's, dark blue (5)  
Stockings/pantihose, Kolotex 'nearly black' colour  
(or equivalent medium grey colour in another brand)  
Shoes, women's, court, black (3)  
Belt, Trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, Belt, silver

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, miniature, gold bullion  
Miniatures of orders, decorations and medals  
Aiguillette (4)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Commendation Badge – Miniature  
Citations - Miniature



**NOTES**

1. Members who do not have Mess Dress are to wear Dress 1A. Dress 5A will continue to be worn until further advised.
2. Marcella front with turn-down collar and plain gold or gold coloured cuff links and studs.
3. Shoes SD, Black may be worn in lieu.
4. Refer to Chapter 3.
5. Trousers worn in lieu of the skirt. Cummerbund to be worn with trousers only.

**TROPICAL 5D - FEMALE OFFICERS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

MD tropical also known as 'Red Sea Rig' is primarily for wear in tropical areas. Commanders may authorise the wearing of Dress 5D in other areas during hot weather, for wear at dining-in nights and balls.

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Shirt, women's, white, short sleeve with pearl buttons  
Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue  
(with gold lace rank braid)  
Skirt, women's, MD, dark blue  
Stockings/pantihose, Kolotex 'nearly black' colour  
(or equivalent medium grey colour in another brand)  
Shoes, women's, court, black (2)  
Trousers, women's, MD, dark blue (4)  
Trousers, womens, SD, Air Force Blue(4)  
Cummerbund, women's, dark blue (4)  
Belt, Trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, Belt, silver

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals  
Aiguillette (3)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Commendation Badge  
Citations  
MSI Badge

**NOTES**

1. Members who do not have Mess Dress (tropical) may wear Dress 5B or Dress 1C.
2. Shoes SD, Black may be worn in lieu.
3. Refer to Chapter 3.
4. Trousers worn in lieu of the skirt. Cummerbund to be worn with trousers only.



**COOL WEATHER 5A - WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Service dining-in nights.  
Service balls.  
Formal mess functions when directed by the CMC.  
Formal civilian dinners, balls and similar functions where or equivalent, is the designated form of dress.  
Weddings (if appropriate).

**ITEMS OF DRESS (1)**

- Jacket, MD, white
- Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue (with gold woven rank insignia)
- Shirt, evening, white, Marcella, long sleeve (2)
- Bow tie, black
- Cummerbund, dark blue(4)
- Trousers/Slacks, SD, Air Force Blue(4)
- Trousers, MD, Air Force Blue(4)
- Skirt, women's, MD, dark blue
- Belt, trousers, dark blue
- Stockings/pantihose, Kolotex 'nearly black' colour (or equivalent medium grey colour in another brand)
- Belt, Trousers, dark blue
- Buckle, belt, silver
- Socks, black
- Shoes, women's, court, black (2)
- Shoes, SD, black (3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

- Flying badge, miniature, gold bullion
- Miniatures of orders, decorations and medals
- Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)
- Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)
- Commendation Badge – Miniature
- Citations - Miniature



**NOTES**

1. Members who do not have Dress 5A are to wear Dress 1A.
2. Marcella front with turn-down collar and plain gold or gold coloured cuff links and studs.
3. On specific occasions when dancing is involved, such as balls, plain black evening dress shoes (without toe caps) similar in style and design to the RAAF issue item, may be worn in lieu.
4. Females Only (Trousers may be worn in lieu of the skirt. Cummerbund to be worn with trousers only).

**TROPICAL 5D - MALE WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

MD tropical also known as 'Red Sea Rig' is primarily for wear in tropical areas. Commanders may authorise the wearing of Dress 5D in other areas during hot weather, for wear at dining-in nights and balls.

**ITEMS OF DRESS (1)**

Shirt, men's, white, short sleeve with pearl buttons  
Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue(with gold woven rank insignia)  
Cummerbund, men's, dark blue  
Trousers, men's, SD, Air Force Blue  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (2)  
Trousers, Men's, Mess Dress, dark blue  
Belt, Trousers dark blue  
Buckle, Belt, silver

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Commendation Badge  
Citations  
MSI Badge

**NOTES**

1. Members who do not have Mess Dress (tropical) may wear Dress 5A or Dress 1C.
2. On specific occasions when dancing is involved, such as balls, plain black evening dress shoes (without toe caps) similar in style and design to the RAAF issue item, may be worn in lieu.



**TROPICAL 5D - FEMALE WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

MD tropical also known as 'Red Sea Rig' is primarily for wear in tropical areas. Commanders may authorise the wearing of Dress 5D in other areas during hot weather, for wear at dining-in nights and balls.

**ITEMS OF DRESS (1)(2)**

- Shirt, women's, white, short-sleeve with pearl buttons
- Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue (with gold woven rank insignia)
- Skirt, women's, MD, dark blue
- Stockings/pantihose, Kolotex 'nearly black' colour (or equivalent medium grey colour in another brand)
- Shoes, women's, court, black (2)
- Trousers, women's, MD, dark blue (3)
- Trousers, womens, SD. Air Force Blue(3)
- Cummerbund, women's, dark blue (3)
- Belt, Trousers, dark blue
- Buckle, Belt, silver

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

- Flying badge, sterling silver
- Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals
- Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)
- Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)
- Commendation Badge
- Citations
- MSI Badge

**NOTES**

1. Members who do not have Mess Dress (tropical) may wear Dress 5A or Dress 1C.
2. Shoes SD, Black may be worn in lieu.
3. Trousers worn in lieu of the skirt. Cummerbund to be worn with trousers only.



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## TROPICAL DRESS

### DRESS 6D - MALES

#### OCCASION FOR WEAR (1)

Working uniform  
Unit parade

#### ITEMS OF DRESS

Hat, fur felt, khaki  
Shirt, men's, drab, short sleeve  
(with drab 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Shorts, men's, drab  
Belt, trousers, drab  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, men's, long, drab  
Shoes, SD, black(2)  
Name badge

#### TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Citations  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS

Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Cap, garrison, Air Force Blue  
Shoes, men's, safety (2)

#### NOTES

1. Tropical dress is primarily for wear in tropical areas, but may also be worn in other localities during hot weather.
2. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black.





**DRESS 6D - FEMALES**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR (1)**

Working uniform  
Unit parade

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Hat, fur felt, Khaki  
Dress, woman's, SD, blue/white  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Socks, ankle, white(1)  
Shoes, SD, black(2)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, sterling silver  
Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Citations  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Hat, womens, SD Air Force blue  
Cap, garrison, Air Force Blue  
Name badge  
Sweater / Cardigan  
Shoes, women's, safety  
PantiHose, Kolotex 'Mini Beige'

**NOTES**

1. When worn with Socks white, this dress is classified as tropical dress and is primarily for wear in tropical areas, but may also be worn in other areas during hot weather.
2. Shoes SD, patent leather , Black and Court Shoes, Black may also be worn.
3. This dress may be worn as a working uniform throughout the year in cooler climates, however Socks white are only permitted during hot weather. Where white socks are not worn, "Kolotex Mini Beige stockings/pantihose or stockettes are to be worn.



**DRESS 6D1 - SAFARI SUIT - WARRANT OFFICERS AND ABOVE (1)**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer, host officer or official Service Representative (2)  
Working uniform  
Unit parade  
Religious service  
Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, and memorial services  
Formal occasions

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force blue,  
Safari suit, Air Force blue  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
and Air Force Patch  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black(5)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, cloth, embroidered  
Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals  
Aiguillette (4)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge  
Commendation Badge  
Citations  
Military Skills Instructor Badge

**OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Hat, womens SD Air Force blue  
Hat, fur felt, Khaki  
Cap, garrison, Air Force Blue  
Name badge  
Sword

**NOTES**

1. Approval has been granted for SNCOs to wear Dress 6D1 when posted to Embassies/High Commissions in tropical countries where representational duties are involved.
2. At RAAF ceremonial/graduation parades etc, Dress 6D1 may be worn by reviewing officers and host officers during hot weather in lieu of Dress 2A regardless of the order of dress worn by others attending or participating in the event. At Tri-Service ceremonial functions, Dress 6D1 may be worn if other official representatives are similarly attired.
3. Medals may be ordered to be worn, in lieu of ribbons, if appropriate to the occasion ie, ceremonial functions.
4. Refer to Chapter 3.
5. Shoes SD, Patent Leather, Black.



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## COMBINED WORKING DRESS NO 7

### OCCASION FOR WEAR (1)

Working uniform and/or unit parade

### BASIC ITEMS OF DRESS

Cap, utility, WD,  
Shirt, utility, WD, blue/grey, long sleeve (2) (3)(4) (7)  
Trousers, men's, utility, WD, blue/grey  
Slacks, women's, utility WD, blue/grey  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Shoes, SD, black  
Shoes/boots, safety  
Socks, black

### OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS

Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Hat, women's, SD, Air Force Blue  
Cap, garrison, Air Force Blue  
Hat, fur felt, Khaki,  
Cap, kepi, blue/grey, or cap squadron with unit logo (approved by AFHQ)  
Tarmac Jacket/ Stanley Jacket (rank must be displayed on the shoulder)(8)  
Beanie, cold weather, dark blue (flight line duties in very cold weather)  
Sweater, Air Force Blue, (heavy or light weight)  
Sweater, roll neck, dark blue (worn as an outer garment by airmen and an undergarment for Warrant Officers and Officers in the confines of the base only - not worn as an outer garment off base)  
Cardigan, women's, Air Force blue  
Skirt, women's, utility WD, blue/grey, with stockings/pantihose, 'nearly black' colour  
Shorts, men's, utility WD, blue/grey  
Shorts, women's, utility WD, blue/grey  
Handbag, women's, black  
Boots, general purpose (5)  
T Shirt, utility, blue/grey (may be worn as an outer garment in immediate work area only)  
Maternity Dress



**NOTES**

1. Dress No 7 may be worn in lieu of SD Uniforms in the working environment and when travelling to and from the place of duty. For further detailed conditions regarding refer to Chapter 1 paragraph 26.
2. With the cloth 'AIR FORCE' patch above the left breast pocket and the cloth name badge above the right breast pocket and RAAF ensign on upper left sleeve. The Australian National Flag patch to be worn on upper left sleeve only on service outside Australia;
3. The following badges are optional and are permitted to be worn on the CWD Shirt, official unit badge above name badge, unit logo on upper right sleeve.
4. With CWD 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides.
5. When worn with CWD trousers, the trouser bottoms are to be bloused over the tops of the GP boot; may be worn with shorts.
6. SQN coloured approved tee shirts may be worn with unit logo positioned on upper left breast. Not to be worn as an outer garment off base.
7. **Short sleeve shirt may be worn with shorts and long trousers; the long sleeve shirt is not to be worn with shorts.**
8. **Tarmac and Stanley Jackets may not be worn with shorts.** Stanley Jackets are to be worn by non Technical personnel only.
9. Squadron Caps and Cap Utility WD are not permitted to be worn within the Russell Office Complex.

## **DISRUPTIVE PATTERN COMBAT UNIFORM (DPCU) NO 8**

### **OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Worn by all ranks, categories and musterings when deploying to operational areas, when involved in exercises where operational conditions are simulated, when required by operational or exercise commanders and when undertaking activities where DPCU is considered the most appropriate form of dress. **On-base working uniform for members of the GRDEF category and ADG mustering whilst employed in their primary field related duties, and SECPOL when performing dog-handling duties.**

Other occasions, refer to Chapter 2, paragraphs 32 to 36.

### **ITEMS OF DRESS**

Hat, utility, DPCU  
Shirt, DPCU (1) (2)  
Trousers, DPCU (3)  
Socks, green  
Boots, general purpose  
Boot Combat

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Hat, fur felt, khaki (to be worn at discretion of Commanders)  
T Shirt, utility, Brown (7)  
T Shirt, utility, DPCU (7)  
Skivvy, Brown(7), (10)  
Vest DPCU Sleeveless(4)  
Belt, trousers, webbing, jungle green or khaki  
Beret, blue/grey (5)  
Helmet, combat (6)  
Pack, field (6)  
Individual combat load carrying equipment (6)  
Aircrew brevets (worn by aircrew under certain conditions – refer Chapter 2 para 37)  
Brassard, (refer Chapter 5 Annex D)  
Gore Tex Wet Weather Pants and Jacket (8)  
Combat Jacket (9)

### **NOTES:**

**Dress No 8 may be worn off base when travelling to and from the place of duty. For further conditions regarding restrictions when wearing this form of dress refer to Chapter 1 paragraph 26.**

1.
  - a. the right breast pocket, the 'Air Force' patch 2cm below the left shoulder seam.
  - b. The sleeves may be rolled up to just above the elbow, the buttons of the sleeve on the outside of the last fold.
  - c. The shirt is not to be tucked into the trousers, except when the webbing belt is worn.
  - d. Chaplains are to wear a DPCU patch with the word 'Chaplain' above the name badge and DPCU cross insignia on each lapel.
2. With DPCU rank slides.
3. Trousers are to be bloused over the top of the Boot combat.
4. Vest not to be worn as an outer garment.
5. Worn by GRDEF and ADG personnel only.
6. As ordered



7. Worn as an under garment, however, may also be worn as an outer garment for field related physical training as ordered by field commanders.
8. Worn as an outer garment.
9. Thumb holes are not used on base. Side pocket zips must be done up. Central zip must be done up to a line level to the top of the epaulette (not the rank slide). DPCU Jumper is to be worn as the alternate dress to the Combat Jacket until sufficient stocks are available. On issue of the Combat Jacket personnel will be required to surrender the DPCU Jumper. Air Force Patch is to be worn on the velcro patch on the left shoulder, unless replaced by a DPCU National Flag on overseas deployments.
10. If visible the skivvy must be fully zipped up and the neck rolled down. If worn unzipped the collar is folded back and worn beneath the DPCU or protective shirt collar

**TARMAC DRESS NO 9 -  
MALES AND FEMALES – FLIGHT SERGEANT AND BELOW**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR (1)**

Worn in the immediate working area and in those on-base localities permitted by local commanders. Not to be worn in public or when travelling to and from the place of duty.

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, utility  
Shorts, utility (2)  
Shirt, utility, dark blue (tee shirt) (3)  
(with blue/grey rank insignia on both sleeves)  
Socks, men's, black  
Shoes/Boots, safety

**OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Jacket, cold weather, blue/grey  
Sweater, roll neck, dark blue (worn as an outer garment in the confines of the base only - not worn as an outer garment off base)  
Cap, Squadron

**NOTES**

1. OC/COs may restrict the wearing of tarmac dress in certain areas on base ie, airmen's mess/club, SGT's mess etc. May only be worn by FSGTs and below.
2. With a cloth name-tag, centre, bottom of the right leg, with the tag along the leg seam.
3. SQN coloured approved tee shirts may be worn with unit logo positioned on upper left breast. Approval of designs are to be obtained from AFHQ(DCOORD-AF). Not to be worn off base. Rank insignia is to be displayed if worn as an outer garment.





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## **FIREFIGHTERS DRESS NO 10 - ALL RANKS**

### **OCCASION FOR WEAR**

CWD is the primary working uniform when not fighting fires.

### **ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, utility, WD, blue/grey (1)  
Shirt, men's, utility, WD, blue/grey, long sleeve (2)  
Trousers, men's, utility, WD, blue/grey  
Shirt, utility, dark blue (tee shirt) (6)  
Belt, Trousers, black  
Socks, black (4)  
Boots, FIREFTR, Black  
Knife, Leatherman



### **OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Jacket, and trousers, wet weather (1)  
Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Cap garrison, Air force Blue  
Hat, Fur Felt, Khaki  
Over trouser, FIREFTR (5)  
Helmet, FIREFTR (5)  
Gloves, FIREFTR (5)  
Coat, FIREFTR (5)  
Sweater, Air Force Blue  
Shirt, FIREFTR, short sleeve, dark blue (2)  
(with CWD 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Shirt, Utility WD, short Sleeve, blue/grey(2)  
(with CWD 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Boot, safety, ankle (1)

### **NOTES**

**Dress No 10 may be worn off base when travelling to and from the place of duty. For further conditions regarding restrictions when wearing this form of dress refer to Chapter 1 paragraph 25.**

1. Not worn when firefighting.
2. With the cloth 'AIR FORCE' tag above the left breast pocket and the cloth name badge above the right breast pocket; and RAAF ensign on upper left sleeve. The Australian National Flag patch to be worn on upper left sleeve only on service outside Australia.
3. The following badges are optional and are permitted to be worn on the shirt, the official unit badge above name badge and unit logo on upper right sleeve.
4. Black woollen socks only are to be worn.
5. Worn only when firefighting and during training - not to be worn around the base.
6. May be worn as an outergarment, not to be worn as an outer garment off base.

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## MEDICAL - HEALTH SERVICES DRESS NO 11

### OCCASION FOR WEAR

Working uniform for NURS, MEDSPVR and MEDASST.

### ITEMS OF DRESS

Hat, fur felt, Khaki

Shirt, white, medical, short sleeve  
(with CWD 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)

Trousers, white

Belt, trousers, white (1)

Socks, white

Shoes, white, medical

### OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS

Cap, SD, Air Force blue

Hat, SD, Air Force blue

Cap, garrison, Air Force Blue

T Shirt, utility white (4)

Dress, women's, medical, white, short sleeve (6)

Pants suit, women's, white

Cardigan, women's, Air Force Blue

Stockings / pantihose

Shorts, men's, white

Socks, men's, long, white

Sweater, Air Force Blue, (heavy or light weight)

Maternity Dress (2)



### NOTE

**Dress No 11 may be worn off base when travelling to and from the place of duty. For further conditions regarding restrictions when wearing this form of dress refer to Chapter 1 paragraph 25.**

1. With a silver buckle.
2. With the cloth 'AIR FORCE' tag above the left breast pocket and the cloth name badge above the right breast pocket.
3. The following badges are optional and are permitted to be worn on the shirt, the official unit badge above name badge, unit logo on upper right sleeve.
4. May be worn as an undergarment, visible at the neck when wearing the short or long sleeve shirt.

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## **PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTORS DRESS NO 12 - ALL RANKS**

### **OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform – PTI

### **ITEMS OF DRESS**

- Cap, utility, navy blue (7)
- Shirt, PTI, short-sleeved, collared, french blue (1)
- Shorts, tennis, men's, PTI, navy blue (2)
- Skirt, women's, PTI, navy/blue (2) (3)
- Underwear women's, PTI, navy/blue (2)
- Socks, sports, white (2)
- Shoes, training and running, PTI (4)

### **OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

- Cold weather dress jacket, navy blue with sky blue shoulder panel (1)
- Shirt, PTI, long sleeved, collared, french blue (1)
- T Shirt, utility, french blue(6)
- Goretex jacket, navy blue (5); not worn off base
- Goretex pants, navy blue (5); not worn off base
- Shorts, athletic, navy blue (6); not worn off base
- Shorts, bike, navy blue (6); not worn off base
- Tracksuit jacket/pants, PTI, athletic, navy blue (1)
- Hat broad brim, Navy blue(7)



### **NOTES:**

**Dress No 12 may be worn off base when travelling to and from the place of duty. For further conditions regarding restrictions when wearing this form of dress refer to Chapter 1 paragraph 25.**

1. With silver/blue rank insignia on both upper sleeves, and blue cloth 'AIR FORCE' patch on the left breast and the blue cloth name badge on the right breast. PTI insignia on shirt above AIR FORCE patch
2. Without any colour bands, striping or insignia (brand names).
3. Females may wear shorts in lieu of skirt for P&RT activities.
4. At least one pair of shoes, predominantly white in colour, are to be maintained in good condition for representational purposes and for wear on unit parades.
5. To be worn as a wet or extreme weather garment, and is not to be worn as an alternative to the tracksuit.
6. May be worn during PTI classes and activities only, not to be worn as a working dress uniform.
7. Cloth woven cap badge as per Cap, Utility ,WD, Air Force Blue is to be worn.

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## **CATERING SERVICES DRESS NO 13 - ALL RANKS**

### **OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working dress and unit parades.

### **ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force blue  
Shirt, short sleeve, white (1)(2)  
(with CWD 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Trousers, check  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle Belt silver  
Undershirt, cotton, white (3)  
Socks, black  
Boots/shoes safety  
Coat, food handlers (4) (5); not worn off base  
Scarf, cook (6); not worn off base

### **OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS**

Hat fur felt, Khaki  
Cap, disposable (7); not worn off base  
Cap, utility, WD  
Sweater, Air Force blue)  
Shorts, men's, white (8)  
Socks, men's, long, white (8)  
Cap Garrison

### **NOTES**

**Dress No 13 may be worn off base when travelling to and from the place of duty. For further conditions regarding restrictions when wearing this form of dress refer to Chapter 1 paragraph 26.**

1. With the cloth 'AIR FORCE' tag above the left breast pocket and the cloth name tag above the right breast pocket.
2. The following badges are optional and are permitted to be worn on the Shirt, White the official unit badge above name badge and unit logo on upper right sleeve.
3. Not to be worn as an outer garment, visible at the neck when wearing short sleeve shirt.
4. With silver/blue insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' slides when worn as a working jacket.
5. With gold woven insignia on Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA' slides when worn as a formal jacket.
6. Worn on formal occasions only.
7. To be worn within the confines of the kitchen only.
8. For wear in tropical areas only on approval of the unit CO.





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**CREW ATTENDANT DRESS NO 14**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Working uniform, for CREWATT employed on VIP aircraft.

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

- Vest, Air Force blue(1)  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank boards)(2)
- Shirt, blue/white, short sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)
- Tie, Air Force blue(3)
- Trousers, SD Air Force blue
- Slacks, SD, Air Force blue
- Skirt SD, Air Force Blue
- Belt, trousers, dark blue
- Buckle, Belt, silver
- Socks, black
- Shoes, SD, black
- Name Tag
- Jacket Flying, leather (1)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

- Ribbons of orders, decorations and medals
- Brevet, aircrew (4)
- Commendations

**NOTES**

1. May be worn with all duties associated with flying, including travel to and from accommodation both at home and on task.
2. See Figure 1 below for detail of rank boards.
3. Worn on VIP duties only.
4. Metal insignia on shirt, and Gold Bullion insignia on the vest.



**Figure 1**

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## FLYING DRESS NO 15 - ALL RANKS

### OCCASION FOR WEAR

All ranks, categories and musterings employed on flying duties.

**NOTE: Not to be worn for non flying duties**

### ITEMS OF DRESS

Cap, garrison, Air Force Blue  
Coveralls, flying (1) (2) (3) (6)  
Shirt, utility, (tee shirt) (4)  
Jacket, flying Nomex (2) (3)  
Socks, flying  
Boots, black, flying

### OPTIONAL ITEMS OF DRESS

Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Cap, utility, WD, blue/grey  
Cap, utility, Squadron  
Hat, fur felt, Khaki  
Shirt, flying (2) (3) (6) (8)  
Trousers, flying  
Belt, trousers, green  
Jacket flying leather(2) (3)  
Gloves, flying (5)  
Shirt, flying DPCU (7)  
Trousers, flying DPCU (7)  
Buckle, Belt, black

### NOTES

**Dress No 15 may be worn off base when travelling to and from the place of duty.**

**For further conditions regarding restrictions when wearing this form of dress refer to Chapter 1 paragraph 25.**

1. With jungle green or sage green 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides sewn on both shoulders.
2. With combined flying/name badge, above the left breast pocket. The official unit badge (as approved by the Sovereign) may be worn above the right breast pocket, and the cloth RAAF ensign on the upper left sleeve. A cloth badge indicating flying training course, aircraft type or similar is worn on the right upper sleeve, at the CO's discretion. The flying/name badge is to be cloth, embroidered with brevet, name (the surname is mandatory, and the first name may be included) and 'Royal Australian Air Force'.
3. When worn as an outer garment, to be fully zippered.
4. May be worn as an undergarment, visible at the neck when wearing flying clothing. Approval of designs and colour is to be obtained from AFHQ (DCOORD-AF).
5. To be worn only in association with flying duties. Not to be worn travelling to or from the place of duty.
6. Sleeves are to be fastened at the wrist when conducting flying duties or may be rolled between the wrist and the elbow during non flying duties. The zipper of the Flying dress is to be zippered to the same position as for the second button of an open necked shirt.
7. May only be worn when deploying to operational areas and with the authorisation of CDRALG.
8. Shirt is to be tucked in when the sleeves are rolled down or when worn with a flying jacket, shirt may be untucked when sleeves are rolled up. When flying, sleeves are to be rolled down and shirt tucked in.



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## CONCERT DRESS - MUSICIAN

### OCCASION FOR WEAR

Evening concerts,  
Service balls where guests are in Mess Dress,  
Service Dining-in nights  
Formal civilian dinners where Mess Dress or equivalent, is the designated form of dress

### TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED

Jacket, MD, white  
Shoulder boards, MD, dark blue  
(with gold woven rank insignia)  
Shirt, evening, white, Marcella, long sleeve (2)  
Bow tie, black  
Cummerbund, dark blue(4)  
Trousers/Slacks, SD, Air Force Blue(4)  
Trousers, MD, Air Force Blue(4)  
Skirt, women's, MD, dark blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Stockings/pantihose, Kolotex 'nearly black' colour  
(or equivalent medium grey colour in another brand)  
Belt, Trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, belt, silver  
Socks, black  
Shoes, women's, court, black (2)  
Shoes, SD, black (3)

### TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED

Miniatures of orders, decorations and medals  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Commendation Badge – Miniature  
Citations – Miniature  
Individual Readiness Badge



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**DRESS 3 - ATTACHÉ MALE AND FEMALE OFFICERS**

**ADFA CADETS AND STAFF**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Worn on appropriate ceremonial occasions by :  
Service attachés/advisers in overseas tropical localities;  
Air attaché and assistant air attaché in Washington;  
Members attending staff/defence colleges in overseas tropical localities;  
Officer Cadets and Staff at the Australian Defence Force Academy; and  
Other members as approved by DCOORD-AF.

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Cap, SD, Air Force Blue  
Jacket, white, patrol (with Air Force Blue 'AUSTRALIA'  
shoulder boards and gold lace rank braid or woven  
insignia and oval Air Force Patch in white with  
gold lettering for attache staff and blue lettering  
For ADFA Staff)  
Trousers, SD, Air Force Blue  
Slacks, SD, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Socks, black  
Shoes, SD, black (4)  
Sword, air officer (1)(3)  
Sword, officer (2)(3)

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, gold bullion  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
Aiguillette (4)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Individual Readiness Badge (right breast  
in a position which equates to the centre of a  
pocket flap if fitted)  
Individual Readiness Badge Gold (worn by attache staff only)  
Sash, waist, gold ceremonial (5)  
Commendation Badge  
Citations

**NOTES**

1. AIRCDRE and above, when appropriate.
2. GPCAPT and below, when appropriate.
3. Refer to Chapter 3 paragraphs 19 to 21.
4. Shoes Patent Leather, Black.
5. Refer to Chapter 3.





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**CEREMONIAL DRESS - AIR FORCE BLUE  
- AIR VICE-MARSHAL AND ABOVE**

**DRESS 2A**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

Ceremonial parade - reviewing officer, host officer or official Service Representative (1)(2)(3)(4) Investiture (4)(5)

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Uniform, SD , Air Force blue  
(comprising tunic with belt and matching trousers)  
Cap, SD, Air Officer, Air Force blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Tie, men's, Air Force blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, Belt, silver  
Socks, men's, black  
Shoes, men's dress, black  
Sash, waist, gold, ceremonial (3)(7)  
Sword, air officer (3)(4)



**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, gold bullion  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
Aiguillette (6)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Operational Readiness Badge (right breast pocket flap  
- centrally above the button)  
Commendation Badge

**NOTES**

1. CD 2A is worn on these occasions regardless of whether cool or warm weather order of dress is specified for other participants of lower rank. However, when ceremonial events are held during extremely hot weather dress 6D1 may be worn in lieu.
2. Includes State, tri-Service and single Service parades.
3. The sword and sash are worn on all occasions when attending as a Service representative, reviewing officer or host officer at ceremonial parades, and are worn at tri-Service ceremonial parades when attending as the Service Representative.
4. The sword is not worn at investitures, nor as a spectator at other parades.
5. Insignia of orders, decorations and medals are not worn when attending an investiture as a recipient.
6. Refer to Chapter 3 for guidance on when to wear.
7. May be worn without the sword at functions such as investitures.

**DRESS 2B**

**OCCASION FOR WEAR**

State or Service funeral (1)(2)(3)  
Church service (1)(3)  
Anzac Day or Remembrance Day memorial service (1)(3)  
Guest/spectator at Ceremonial parades

**ITEMS OF DRESS**

Uniform, SD, Air Force blue  
(comprising tunic with belt and matching trousers)  
Cap, SD, Air Officer, Air Force blue  
Shirt, men's, blue/white, long sleeve  
(with Air Force blue 'AUSTRALIA' rank slides)  
Tie, men's, Air Force Blue  
Belt, trousers, dark blue  
Buckle, Belt, silver  
Socks, men's, black  
Shoes, men's dress, black

**TO BE WORN IF ENTITLED**

Flying badge, gold bullion  
Insignia of orders, decorations and medals  
Aiguillette (3)  
Skill at Arms Badge (left sleeve)  
Parachutist Badge (right sleeve)  
Operational Readiness badge (right breast pocket flap  
- centrally above the button)  
Commendation Badge

**NOTES**

1. CD 2B may be worn on these occasions regardless of whether cool or warm weather order of dress is specified for other participants of lower rank.
2. A mourning band is worn when attending in an official representative capacity or as a member of the supporting party. The mourning band is optional if a member of the attending party.
3. Refer to Chapter 3 for guidance on when to wear.



## **GUIDELINES FOR THE PROMULGATION OF STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO THE WEARING OF RAAF UNIFORMS**

### **Optional Items of Dress**

1. The concept of the RAAF uniform is one of 'all seasons' and members normally may exercise discretion and wear any pattern of Service Dress Uniform, including optional items, to suit prevailing weather conditions. OCs/COs may wish to provide more definitive guidelines in local standing orders regarding the wearing of certain dress options or optional items of dress to suit their locality (eg Dress 6D would not be expected to be worn in cold climates during winter months). However, such guidelines shall not abrogate the fundamental 'all seasons' concept of the uniform, nor conflict with or reduce the basic dress rules prescribed in this Manual; they may only re-enforce them. Refer to Annex C for the seasonal change dates.

### **Special Purpose and Protective Clothing**

2. The types of special purpose and protective clothing are so varied that OCs/COs are to include instructions for wear in local standing orders. The following basic guidelines are to apply in the formulation of such orders :

- a. ***Wear in Public.*** Except for special and infrequent occasions, eg, participation in 'open days', members are not to wear protective clothing in public - this includes travel to and from their place of duty in private transport.
- b. ***Restricted Wear.*** The wearing of protective clothing is to be restricted to the immediate working environments, eg, flight-lines, crewrooms, workshops, and flight-line canteens.
- c. ***Appearance.*** Members are to maintain the appearance and condition of special purpose and protective clothing. The wearing of faded, torn or threadbare items is unacceptable.
- d. ***Badges.*** Refer to Chapter 2 paragraphs 38 to 41 and Chapter 5 paragraphs 4 to 27 for instructions.

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## SEASONAL CHANGE-OVER DATES

Serial	Geographic Area	Change to Cool Weather Dress	Change to Warm Weather Dress
1.	Australian Capital Territory	Monday before Anzac Day	Third Monday in October
2.	New South Wales	First Monday before Anzac Day	Third Monday in October
3.	Queensland:		
	a. South of Tropic of Capricorn	Third Monday in May	Third Monday in September
	b. North of Tropic of Capricorn	Tropical Dress Worn Throughout the Year	
4.	South Australia	Monday after Anzac Day	Second Monday in October
5.	Tasmania	First Monday in April	First Monday in December
6.	Victoria	Monday before Anzac Day	Third Monday in October
7.	Western Australia:		
	a. South of Tropic of Capricorn	First Monday in May	Last Monday in September
	b. North of Tropic of Capricorn	Tropical Dress Worn Throughout the Year	
8.	Northern Territory	Tropical Dress Worn Throughout the Year	

### NOTES

- As the concept of the RAAF uniform is one of ‘all seasons’, the seasonal change-over dates apply only to Joint Service occasions when the three Services parade or assemble together and uniformity is required. The exception to this Instruction applies to the wearing of Mess Dress (MD). The wearing of MD is to be worn in accordance with the change over dates until further advised.
- These change-over dates do not apply to units based overseas. Where host country uniforms are subject to seasonal change, the local RAAF commander or senior officer is to determine the appropriate dates as required.
- While the RAAF SD uniform is an all seasons one, these changeover dates, observed by other Services are to be taken into account when the order of dress for RAAF personnel for joint-Service ceremonial events is being determined so that an acceptable uniformity of appearance is achieved. As a guide, CD4A would normally be worn during the period when other Services wear winter uniform, while CD4B or CD4C would be worn in summer months, depending on the temperatures expected.

Dress	Air Force	Description	Navy	Description	Army	Description	Occasion for wear
<b>Service Dress</b>	<b>1A</b>	Service Dress Tunic	W7	Winter Non Ceremonial Day Dress	1C	General Duty Service Dress	Working uniform Unit parade Mess Dress Alternate Religious Service(except for memorial services when ceremonial dress is worn) Formal Occasions Representational Functions
			S3	Summer Ceremonial Uniform			
			W3	Winter Ceremonial Uniform	2E	General Duty Dress	
	<b>1B</b>	Service Dress Long Sleeve Shirt and Tie	S7	Summer Non Ceremonial Day Dress	2E	General Duty Dress	
			S8	Summer Non Ceremonial Day Dress	2F	General Duty Dress Long Sleeve Shirt	Working uniform Unit parade Mess Dress Alternate Religious Service(except for memorial services when ceremonial dress is worn) Formal Occasions Representational Functions Weddings Investiture( as a recipient only in tropical areas
			W7	Winter Non Ceremonial Day Dress			

Air Force	Description	Navy	Description	Army	Description
<b>1C</b>	Service Dress Short Sleeve Shirt	S7	Summer Non Ceremonial Day Dress	2E	General Duty Dress
		S3	Summer Ceremonial Uniform		
		W3	Winter Ceremonial Uniform		
		S8	Summer Non Ceremonial Day Dress	2F	General Duty Dress Long Sleeve Shirt
		W7	Winter Non Ceremonial Day Dress		
<b>Service Dress</b>					
<p><b>Occasion for wear</b>                      Working uniform                      Unit parade                      Mess Dress Alternate                      Religious Services(except for memorial services when ceremonial dress is worn)                      Formal Occasions                      Representational Functions                      Weddings</p>					



Dress	Air Force	Description	Navy	Description	Army	Description	Occasion for wear
<b>Ceremonial Dress Two Star and above</b>	<b>2A</b>	Ceremonial Dress Air Vice Marshal and above	S1	Summer Ceremonial Uniform	SO4	Ceremonial Service dress General Officer	Ceremonial parade -reviewing officer, host officer or official Service representative Investitures
			W1	Winter Ceremonial Uniform	SO1	Patrol Blue Senior Officer	
	<b>2B</b>	Ceremonial Dress Air Vice Marshal and above (Guest or spectator)	S2	Summer Ceremonial Uniform	SO2	Patrol Blue (Summer) Senior Officer	State or Service Funeral Church Service Anzac Day or Remembrance Day Memorial Service, Guest/spectator at ceremonial parades
			W2	Winter Ceremonial Uniform			

Dress	Air Force	Description	Navy	Description	Army	Description	Occasion for wear
<b>Attache Dress</b>	<b>3</b>	Attache Dress, ADFA Ceremonial Jacket	S1	Summer Ceremonial Uniform	SA3	Patrol White Special Appointment/ Selected Personnel	Attaches on appropriate ceremonial occasions
			W1	Winter Ceremonial Uniform			
			S2	Summer Ceremonial Uniform			
			W2	Winter Ceremonial Uniform			

Dress	Air Force	Description	Navy	Description	Army	Description	Occasion for wear
<b>Ceremonial Dress</b>	<b>4A</b>	Ceremonial Dress Tunic	W1	Winter Ceremonial Uniform	1A	Ceremonial Parade Service Dress	Ceremonial parade – reviewing officer, host officer or official guest Ceremonial parade – participant or spectator Guard of Honour – participant State or Service Funeral Investiture ( as a guest) Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and memorial services <b>As above</b>
			W2	Winter Ceremonial Uniform	1B	Ceremonial Service Dress	
			2B	Ceremonial Parade Dress with Sweater			
			2D	Ceremonial Dress long Sleeve Shirt/Sweater			
	<b>4B</b>	Ceremonial Dress Long Sleeve Shirt and Tie	S1	Summer Ceremonial Uniform	2A	Ceremonial Parade dress	<b>As above</b>
			W1	Winter Ceremonial Uniform	2C	Ceremonial Dress	
			S2	Summer Ceremonial Uniform	2D	Ceremonial Dress long Sleeve Shirt/Sweater	
			W2	Winter Ceremonial Uniform	3A	Ceremonial Safari Suit	
	<b>4C</b>	Ceremonial Dress Short Sleeve Shirt	S1	Summer Ceremonial Uniform	2A	Ceremonial Parade dress	
			W1	Winter Ceremonial Uniform	2C	Ceremonial Dress	
				3A	Ceremonial Safari Suit		

Dress	Air Force	1. Description	Navy	Description	Army	Description	Occasion for wear
<b>5B</b>		Mess Dress Winter	W4	Winter Mess Dress	6A	Mess Dress	Service dining in nights Service balls
	<b>5A</b>	Mess Dress Summer	S4	Summer Mess Dress	6B	Mess Dress White Jacket	Formal mess functions Formal dinners, balls and similar functions where mess dress, or equivalent is designated
<b>5D</b>		Mess Dress Tropical	S6	Informal Evening Dress	6C	Mess Dress White Shirt	Weddings
<b>6D</b>		Tropical Dress	S8	Summer Non Ceremonial Day Dress	2E	General Duty Dress	Working Uniform
			S9	Summer Working Dress			Unit parade
<b>6D1</b>		Safari Suit	S7	Summer Non Ceremonial Day Dress Note Bushjacket is worn as an optional item by Commodores and above and can only be worn for ceremonial events in the tropics (when remainder of Navy personnel are also undertaking ceremonial activity in S7)	3A	Ceremonial Safari Suit	As above Ceremonial parade Memorial services (as appropriate to weather and dress orders for locality)
			S1	Summer Ceremonial Uniform	3B	General Duty Safari Suit	

Dress	Air Force	2.	Description	Navy	Description	Army	Description	Occasion for wear
<b>Working Dress</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.</b>	<b>Combined Working Dress</b>	S7	Summer Non Ceremonial Day Dress	4A	Barracks Dress DPCU	Working uniform and/or unit parade
				W7	Winter Non Ceremonial Day Dress	7	Working/ Protective Dress	
				S9	Summer Working Dress			
				W9	Winter Working Dress			
<b>DPCU</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2.</b>	<b>Disruptive Pattern Combat Uniform</b>	S9	Summer Working Dress	4A	Barracks Dress DPCU	When deployed to operational areas, exercises under operational conditions, when DPCU considered appropriate. (refer to Dress manual for details)
				W9	Winter Working Dress	4B	Field Dress DPCU	
				S18	Combat Ensemble			
				W18	Combat Ensemble DPCU			